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ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL.

The University of Toronto has now for many years enjoyed the privileges of access for its students to the wards of St. Michael's Hospital, and it desires to maintain a connection which in the past has proved valuable to it. However the advantages to the University may be greatly increased if the facilities for access to the patients on the part of the students are enlarged, and if, as in other great modern hospitals, the pathological equipment is increased. It must be borne in mind that there are certain arrangements in a modern hospital which are a matter of essential importance to the Hospital itself and if it is to be of real service to the student. If the student pays a fee to the hospital he should have the advantage of a thoroughly equipped modern hospital. This must be kept in mind when the scale of the fee is being determined. There may be however and probably in the case of St. Michael's there would be extra expense involved in providing university instruction in the hospital so as to give purely university instruction to its own students.

Herewith is submitted a plan from the Architect of St. Michael's Hospital, and in connection with it the following extract is made from a report by the university staff in Pathology and Chemical Pathology: "In reply to your request for a report on the amount of space which the University should pay for in connection with the proposed laboratory building at St. Michael's Hospital, we beg to quote the report, dated Nov. 7th, 1910, which we sent to the President when he asked us to consider what laboratory accommodation we thought should be provided at St. Michael's (1) for the working of the Hospital

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(2) for the teaching of students attached to the Hospital. In that report we said: "We are in agreement in the recommendations that follow:

" (1) St. Michael's Hospital with 300 beds, if
"it were not associated with a medical school, should have set apart
"for pathological work connected with the diagnosis and treatment of
"cases in the wards, laboratories equivalent in area to not less than
"two units (30 x 23 each) equipped for bacteriological, histological
"and chemical work, a staff of two Pathologists (one bacteriological
"and histological, the other chemical,) and one trained laboratory
"attendant giving his whole time to the laboratory.

" The Hospital at Hamilton has, we are informed,
"200 beds, no students and the equivalent of one and a half units laboratory
"space and a pathologist and laboratory attendant both of whom give their
"whole time to the work of the laboratory.

" (2) For the teaching of students in the 3rd and 5th
"year provision is made in the University laboratories to be erected on
"University Avenue.

" For students in the 4th year doing clinical work
"at St. Michael's Hospital additional laboratory space would be necessary,
"equivalent to not less than a further two units", making four units in all".

" This report we still think meets the situation.

You will remember that in conformity with this report plans were prepared by the Architect, Mr. Post, for a building of three floors the top one of which was for pathological purposes, the lower two for an out-patient department. These plans were approved on October 3rd, 1911, by the Committee appointed to consider them. On the floor devoted

to pathology in those plans, at the east end are autopsy room, morgue receiving room, dressing room, and two laboratories 21 x 33, one on each side of the staircase. These rooms would be required by the Hospital if it were not associated with a medical school and for them therefore the University should not pay anything.

"The three laboratories at the west end of the building 21 x 34, 16 x 24 and 16 x 24 would not be necessary if there were no students attending the Hospital: it is reasonable therefore that the University should pay for these rooms if they were built. They are marked U on the plan."

The rooms marked "U" would be employed for University purposes alone. It will be observed that the amount of floor space for distinctly University purposes is not very large. If this building is erected containing rooms that are set apart for University purposes, a connection will become close and permanent, and the University must be safeguarded in the matter of its control

- (a) as to nomination of those who are to teach its students
- (b) as to access to patients for clinical facilities
- (c) as to control of all pathological material.

If the University promises to pay for a period of years a fixed rental for this space these arrangements should be concluded on a basis also of definite privileges, such as would be received in other modern hospitals, being given to the students for a fee which should be collected in a reasonable basis. If the fee is large and the advantages received

for it are not sufficient the student will complain and refuse to attend the Hospital, and the University would be left to pay a rental for a number of years for rooms that would not be sufficiently used. It must also be borne in mind that the University already has a very fine pathological department in its own building, and that new demands will be constantly made to have it thoroughly well equipped. It would be better to have one thoroughly well equipped than to have two neither of which is as good as it might be.

To arrive at a basis of computation as to the fee that should be charged to the student, it being understood that St. Michael's will provide thoroughly modern hospital equipment, a comparison may be made of a summary of one week's teaching during the month of March, 1914, in both the General Hospital and St. Michael's. It is perhaps unnecessary to state that the Toronto General Hospital is in an especial sense the University Hospital and that for the fee it charges its students it provides advantages such as cannot be surpassed in any hospital on this continent at present.

Comparison of amount of teaching done at the Toronto General Hospital and St. Michael's Hospital; one week's teaching.

	Toronto General. Fifth Year students.	St. Michael's.
Medicine	20	2
Surgery	24	-
Gynaecology	20 (4clinics)	10 (2 clinics)
Obstetrics	20 (4 clinics)	10 (2 clinics)
Eye	25 (5 clinics)	5 (1 clinic)
Nose	30 (6 clinics)	-
Neurology	30 (2 clinics)	-

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	Toronto General. Fifth Year students.	St. Michael's.
Dermatology	30 (3 clinics)	-
Clinical Therapeutics	30 (2 clinics)	-
Tuberculosis	30 (2 clinics)	-
Fourth year Students.		
Medicine	75	37
Surgery	75	37
Clinical Therapeutics	112	-
Gynaecology	27	9
Obstetrics	18	18
Eye	37	-
Nose	37	-
Third Year Students.		
Medicine	72 (25 clinics)	42 (10 clinics)
Surgery	72 (18 clinics)	32 (8 clinics)

A comparison of attendances in the two hospitals shows that during a week about one quarter as many attendances by students was registered in St. Michael's as in the Toronto General Hospital. In some departments there are no students at all in St. Michael's Hospital. The main work was done in the third and fourth years in Medicine, Surgery, Gynaecology and Obstetrics.

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